
SERMON OUTLINE

Healthy Christians encourage each other

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:8

- I. Satan wants to stop us from encouraging each other (1 Thessalonians 2:17-20).
 - A. The situation: Paul was concerned for them when he was forced to leave so soon (2:17).
 - B. Satan tries to keep us from encouraging each other (2:18).
 - C. We encourage others by affirming how much we value them (2:19-20).

- II. We will fall to Satan's temptations without spiritual encouragement from others (1 Thessalonians 3:1-5)
 - A. The situation: Paul sent Timothy to encourage the Thessalonians (3:1-2).
 - B. Discouragement comes when we fail to expect hard times (3:3-4).
 - C. Satan targets isolated and discouraged Christians (3:5; Hebrews 10:24-25).

- III. Nothing is more encouraging than spiritual encouragement (1 Thessalonians 3:6-8).
 - A. The situation: Timothy returned with a good report (3:6).
 - B. We are encouraged when we hear that those we care for are staying strong spiritually (3:7-8; 2 John 4; 3 John 4).

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